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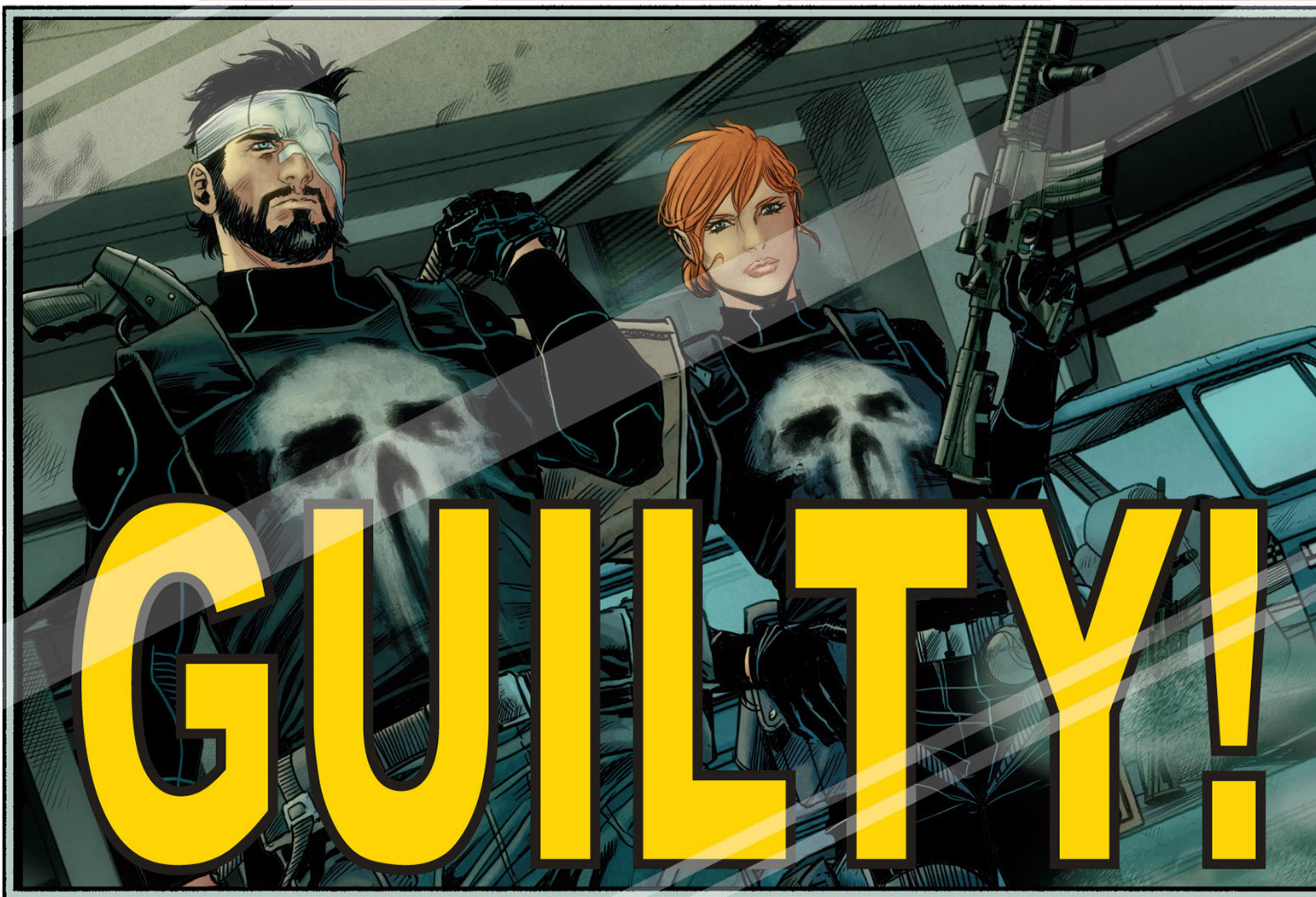
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PUNISHER ACCOMPLICE TRIAL CONCLUDES

By Norah Winters

With deliberations lasting seven days, the jury in the trial of Marine Sergeant Rachel Cole-Alves returned with a guilty verdict on all three counts of murder. Cole-Alves, accused of killing NYPD officers Peter McMann, Oliver Capretti, and Major Case Detective Walter Bolt, will appear for sentencing later this week. Authorities are seeking the death penalty in the case.

Cole-Alves, with visible injuries sustained while incarcerated, remained stoic and silent as the verdict was read. She is being held in detention at Rykers

Island. Cole-Alves did not take the stand in her defense.

Her attorney, Matthew Murdock, in a statement to reporters outside the courthouse, was characteristically blunt. "My client has never denied her culpability or participation in what happened. The DA's office has painted her as a monster, as a mass-murderer. They couldn't catch the Punisher, they couldn't try the Punisher, so they settled for her. Now they want to kill her. It's a travesty, and we intend to fight this."



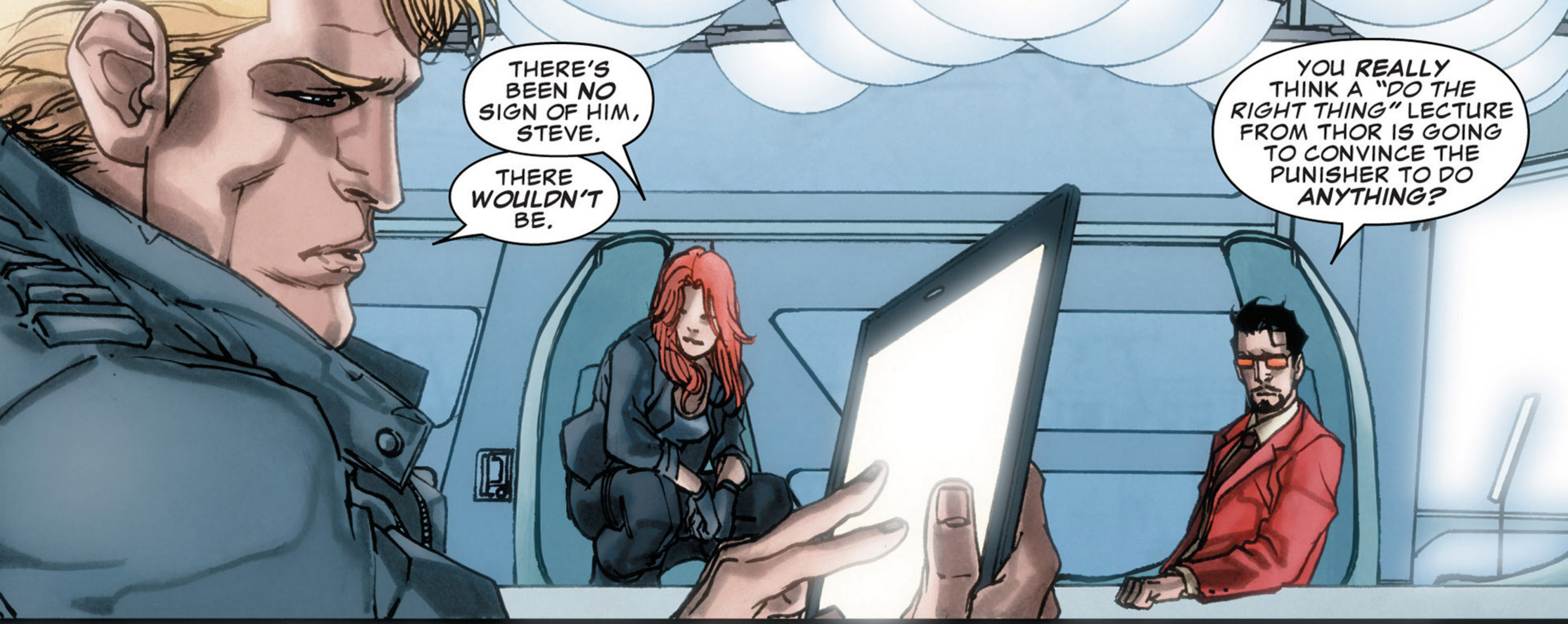
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THERE'S BEEN NO SIGN OF HIM, STEVE.

THERE WOULDN'T BE.

YOU REALLY THINK A "DO THE RIGHT THING" LECTURE FROM THOR IS GOING TO CONVINCE THE PUNISHER TO DO ANYTHING?



THE PUNISHER IS MANY THINGS. ONE OF THEM IS A MARINE.



YOU'RE PUTTING A LOT OF STOCK IN "SEMPER FI."

FRANK CASTLE STOPPED BEING A MARINE A LONG TIME AGO, CAP.



YOU NEVER STOP BEING A MARINE, TONY.



SO, NATASHA, HOW WOULD YOU DO IT?

GET INTO THE COUNTRY, GET TO MANHATTAN, WITHOUT ANY OF US KNOWING?

YES.



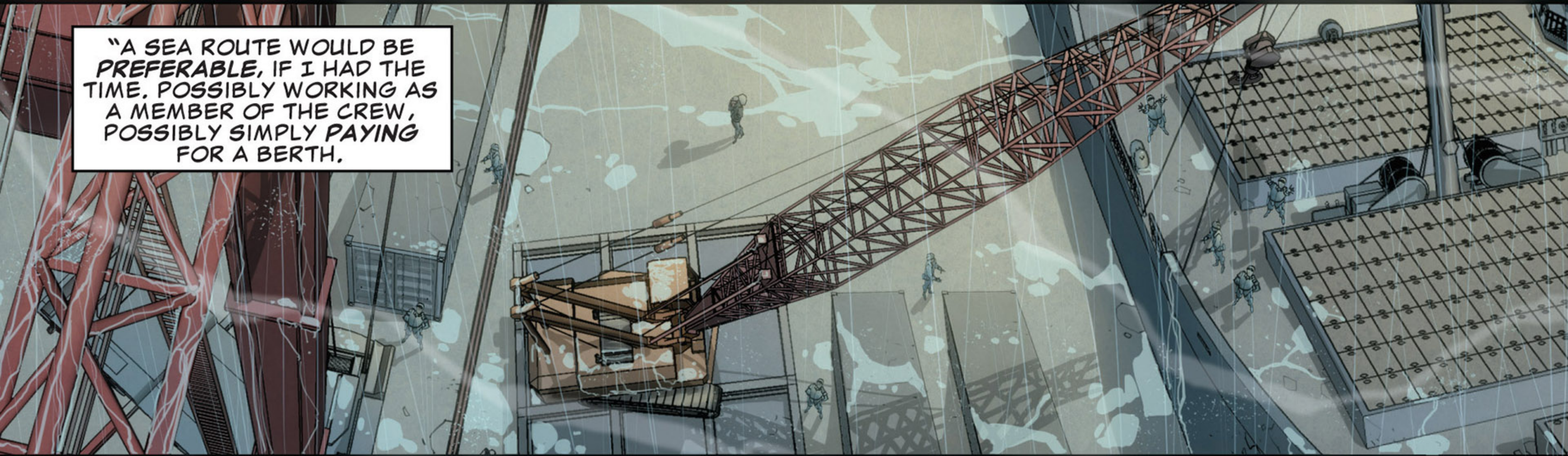
ANONYMITY WOULD BE KEY...

"...SO COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT IS OUT OF THE QUESTION. CARGO PLANE, PERHAPS, ONE OF THE GLOBAL EXPRESS DELIVERY SERVICES..."

"BUT AIRPORT SECURITY COULD BE PROBLEMATIC."



"A SEA ROUTE WOULD BE **PREFERABLE**, IF I HAD THE TIME. POSSIBLY WORKING AS A MEMBER OF THE CREW, POSSIBLY SIMPLY PAYING FOR A BERTH."



"AFTER THAT, IT WOULD BE **RELATIVELY EASY**. CASTLE'S BEEN GONE LONG ENOUGH THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT **OUTSIDE** OF NEW YORK IS UNLIKELY TO STILL BE **LOOKING** FOR HIM."



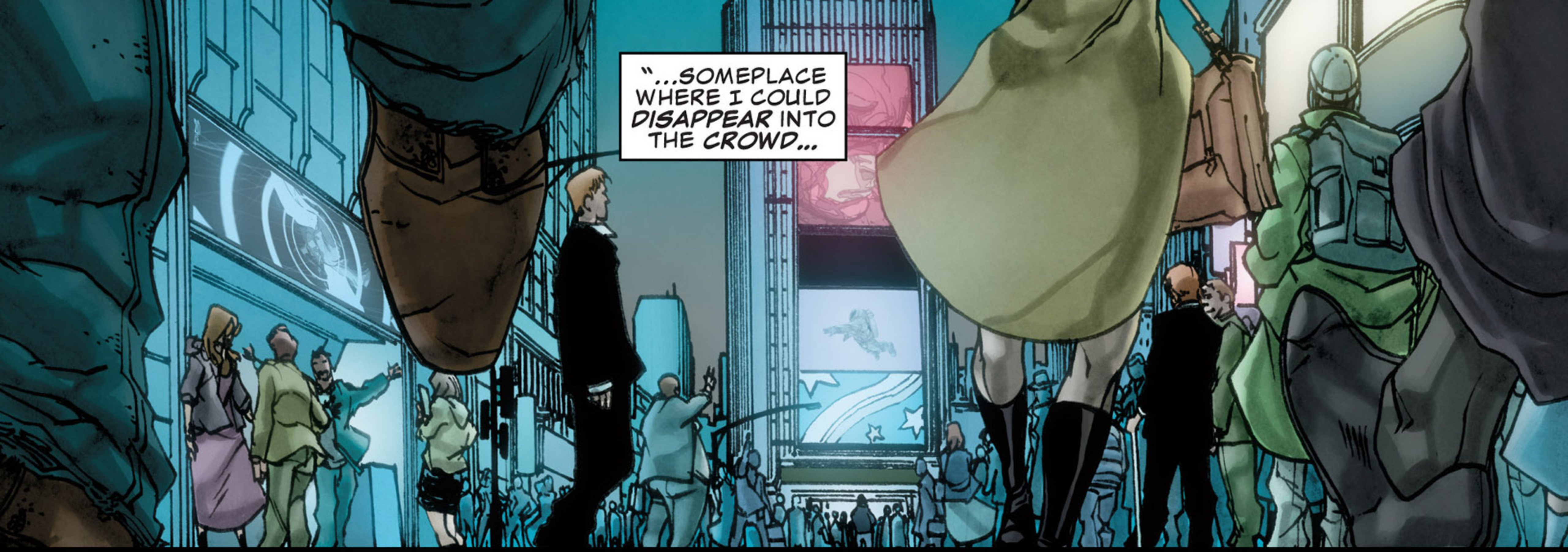
"CHOICE BETWEEN A CAR, A BUS, OR A TRAIN, I'D FAVOR THE BUS OR THE TRAIN. MORE **ANONYMOUS**, LESS RISK OF BEING STOPPED."



"I'D **CHANGE** MY ROUTE, MAKE AN **UNEXPECTED STOP** HERE OR THERE. **SWITCH** TO BUS IF I'D TAKEN TRAIN, THEN **SWITCH BACK**, LIKE THAT."

"I WOULD TIME MY ARRIVAL FOR RUSH HOUR IN GRAND CENTRAL OR PENN STATION..."



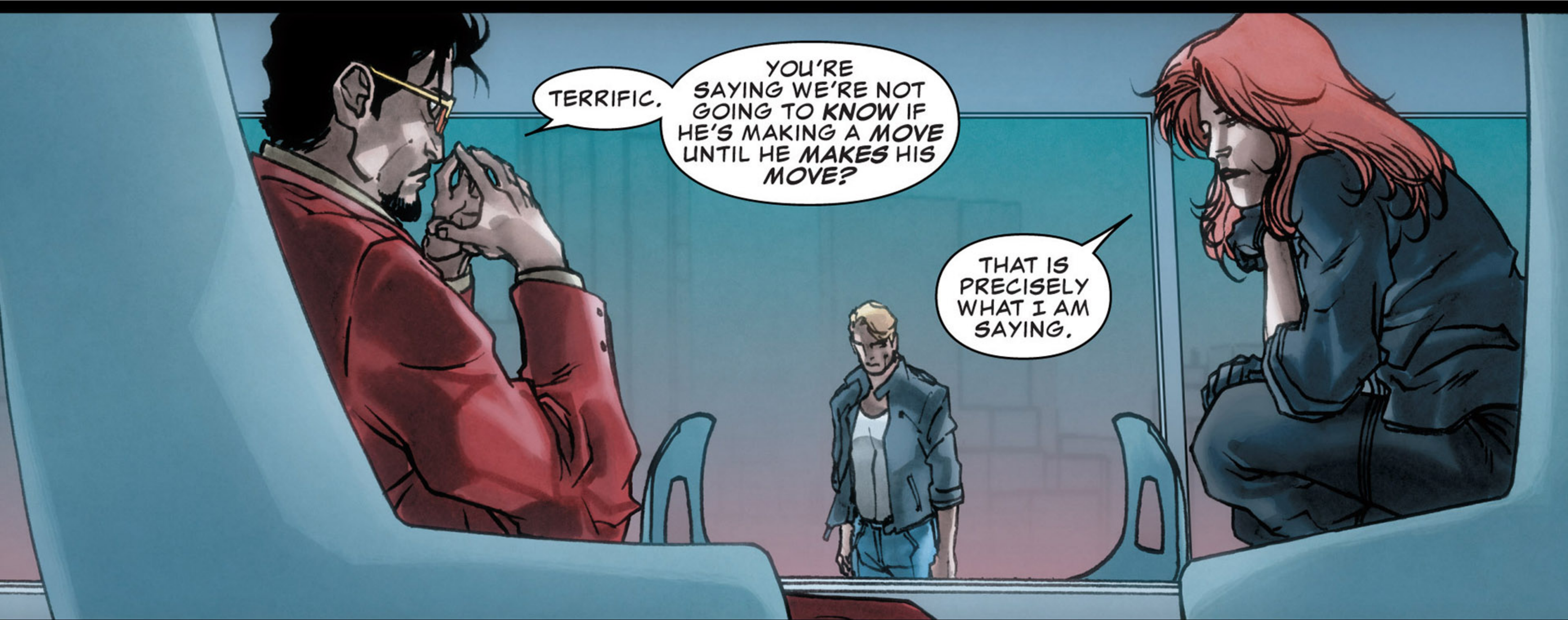


GREE IN NYPD DEATHS - SENTENCING PHASE BEGINS TOMORROW - DA. TO SEEK DEATH PEN



"...WHERE I WOULD BE, FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES..."





TERRIFIC.

YOU'RE SAYING WE'RE NOT GOING TO KNOW IF HE'S MAKING A MOVE UNTIL HE MAKES HIS MOVE?

THAT IS PRECISELY WHAT I AM SAYING.



ACCORDING TO MURDOCK, SERGEANT COLE-ALVES IS IN COURT TOMORROW.

THAT'S THE PUNISHER'S BEST WINDOW. WE GO AS PLANNED.



AND YOU REALLY WANT ME HANGING BACK?

YOU'RE BULLET-PROOF.

AND HANDSOME, AND RICH.

SPIDER-MAN ISN'T.



THAT IS WHY HE HAS OVERWATCH.

YOU DON'T THINK WE'RE MAYBE BEING A LITTLE OVER-CAUTIOUS, HERE? IT'S ONE GUY WITH A LOT OF GUNS.

HE MAY BE GOOD, BUT HE'S NOT HAWKEYE.



HAWKEYE DOESN'T SHOOT TO KILL.



SOUTH BRONX.

NOK-NOK-NOK



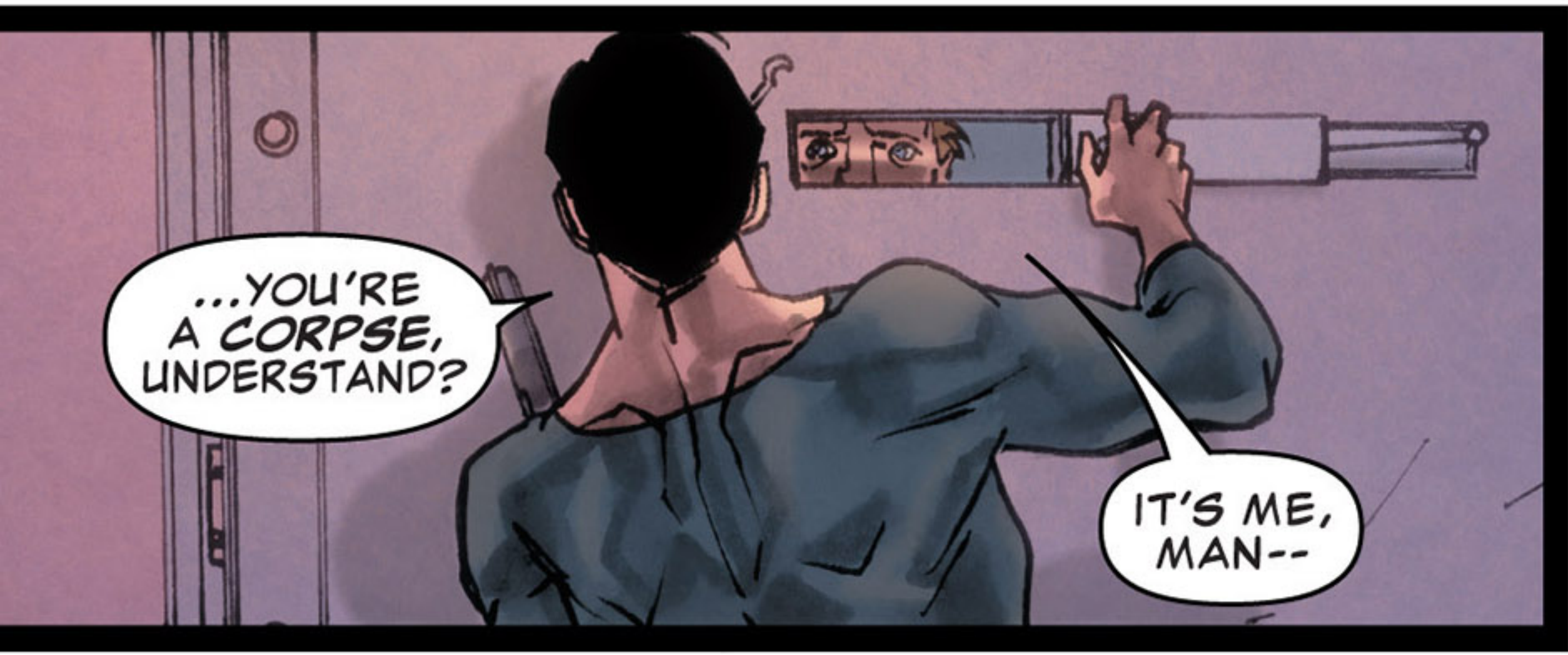
«WE EXPECTING A DROP-OFF?»*

NOK-NOK-NOK

«WE ARE NOT.»

WHOEVER YOU ARE, I DON'T KNOW YOU...

*TRANSLATED FROM SPANISH.



...YOU'RE A CORPSE, UNDERSTAND?

IT'S ME, MAN--



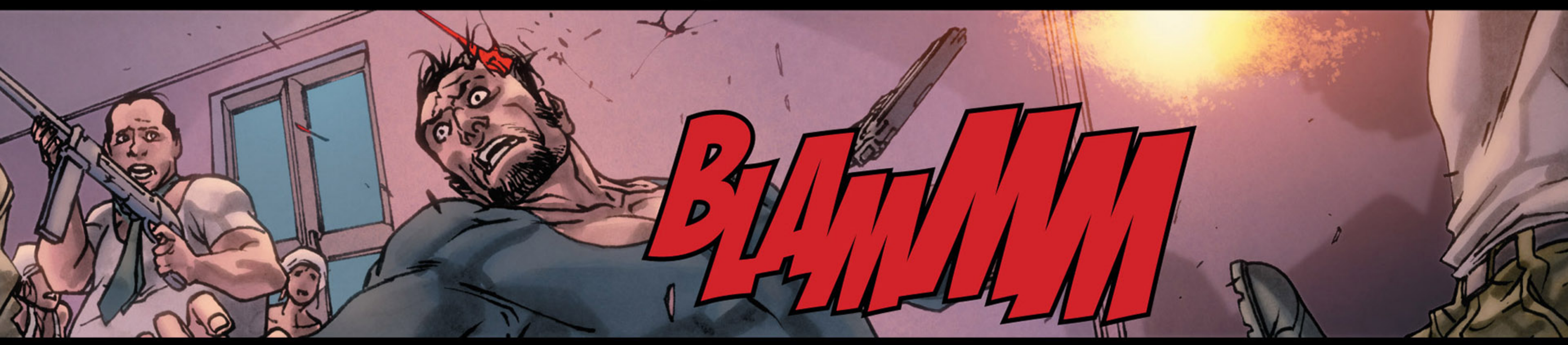
--YOU GOTTA LET ME IN!

PUNISHER IS BACK IN TOWN, I JUST SAW HIM!

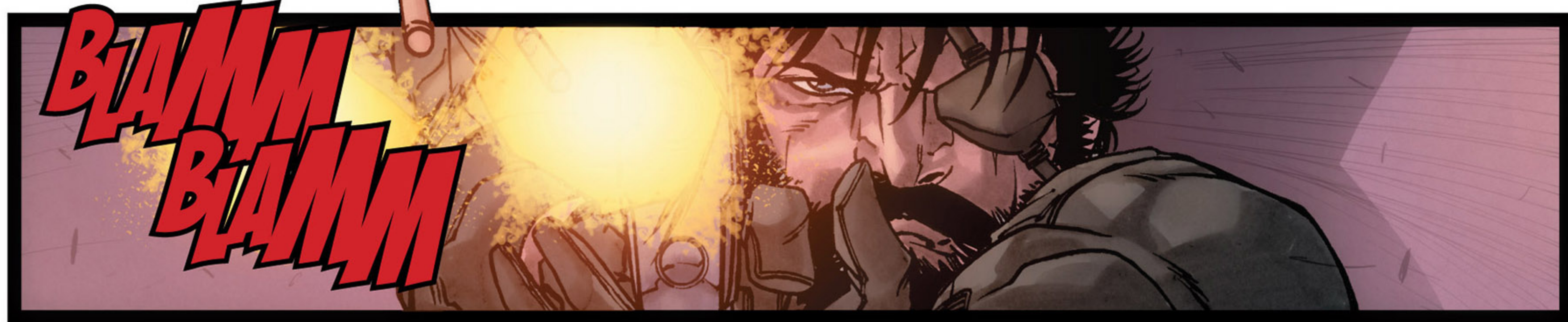


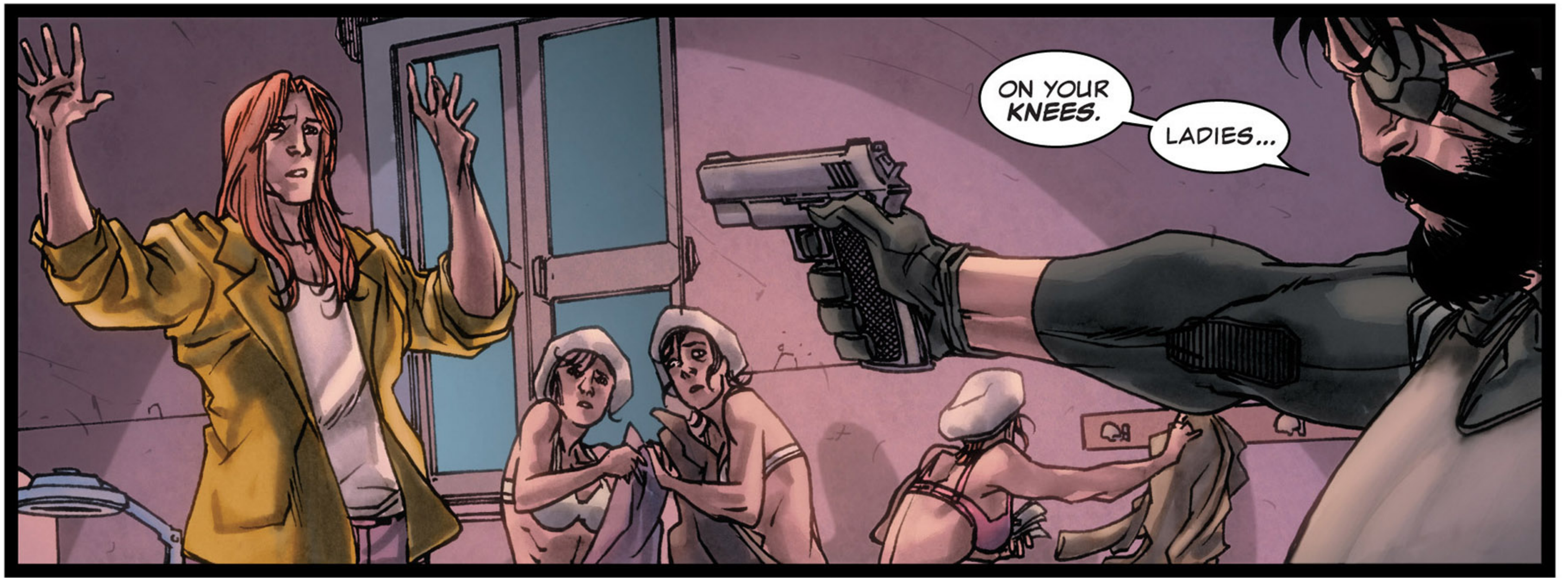
SON OF A--

«PUNISHER IS BACK! PACK EVERYTHING UP, WE NEED TO--»



BLAMMM





ON YOUR KNEES.

LADIES...



...TAKE WHAT YOU CAN AND RUN.

DON'T LOOK BACK.

IDIOT WHAT YOU ASKED IDID IT PLEASE GOD PLEASE



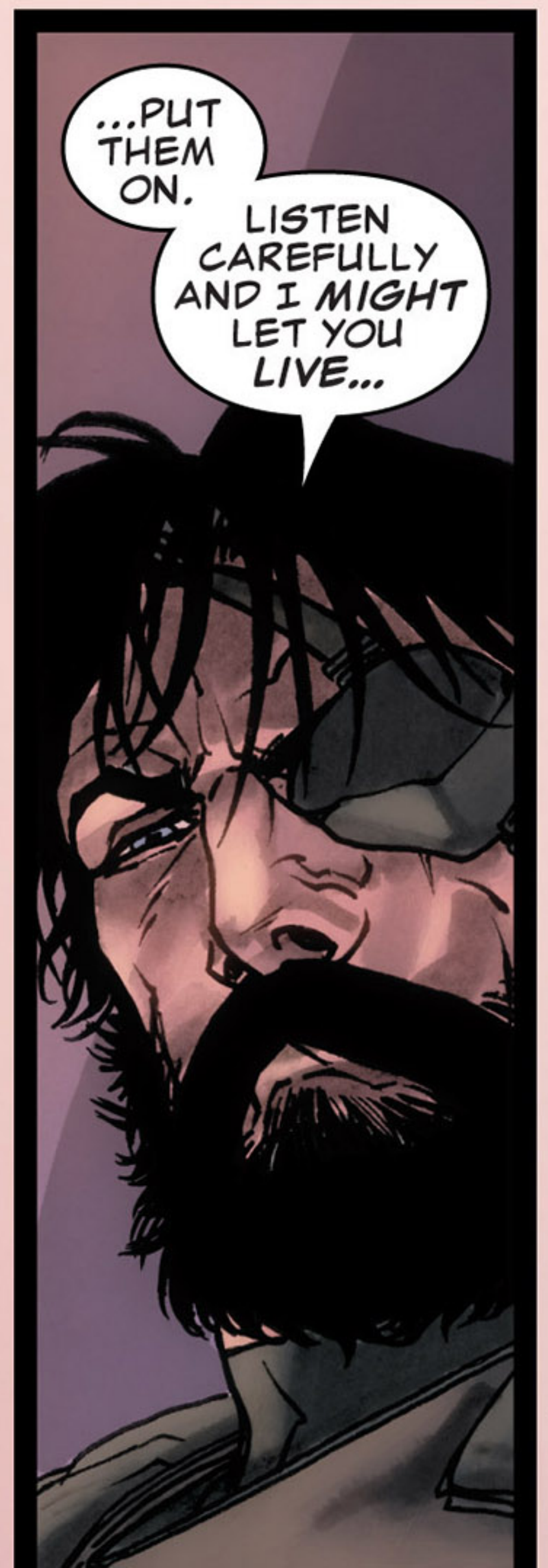
DON'T KILL ME PLEASE DON'T KILL ME--

SHUT UP.

OPEN IT.

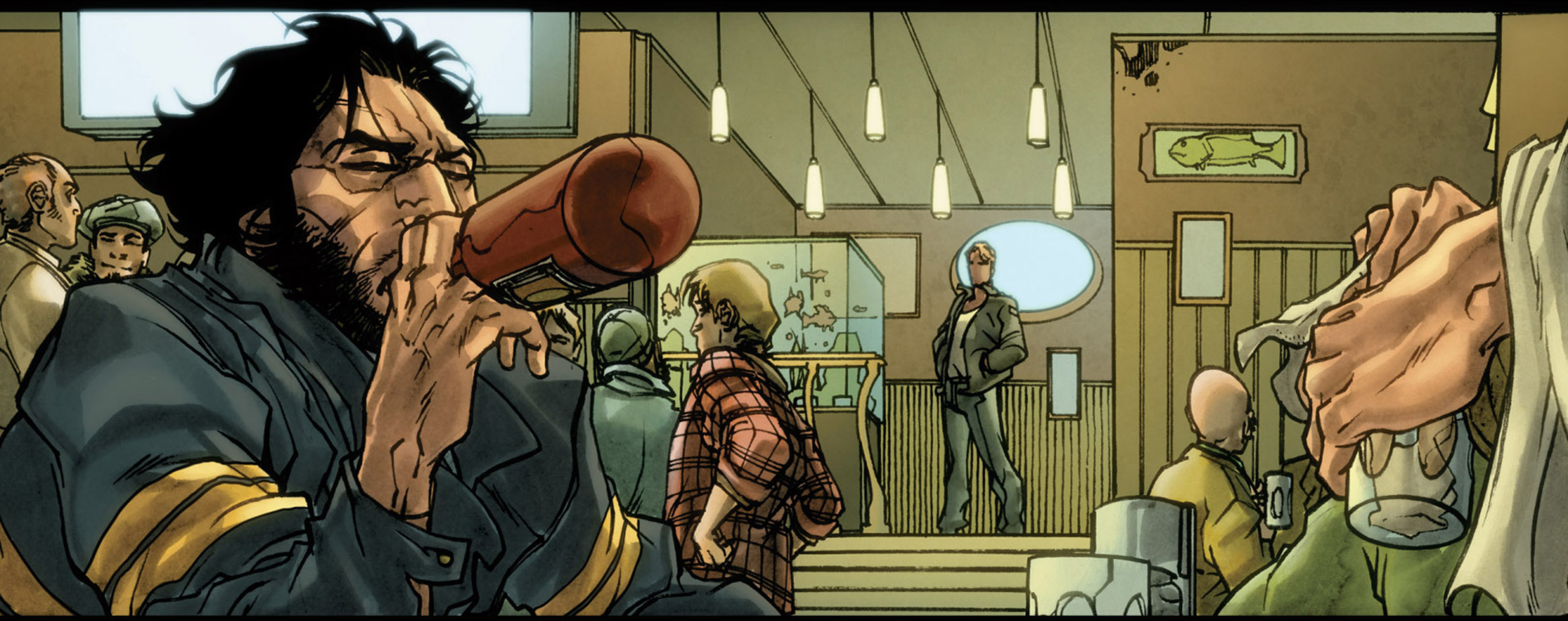


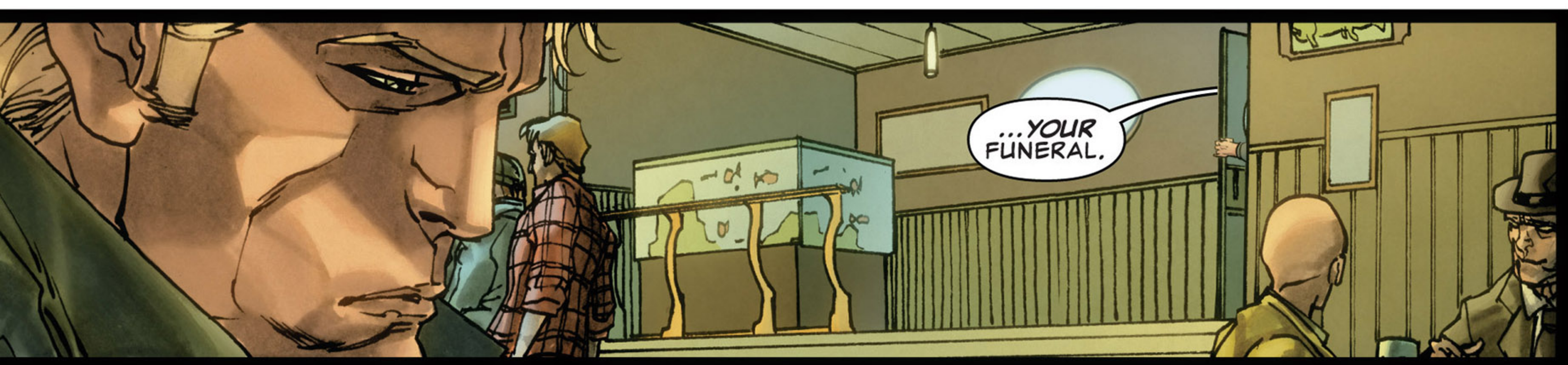
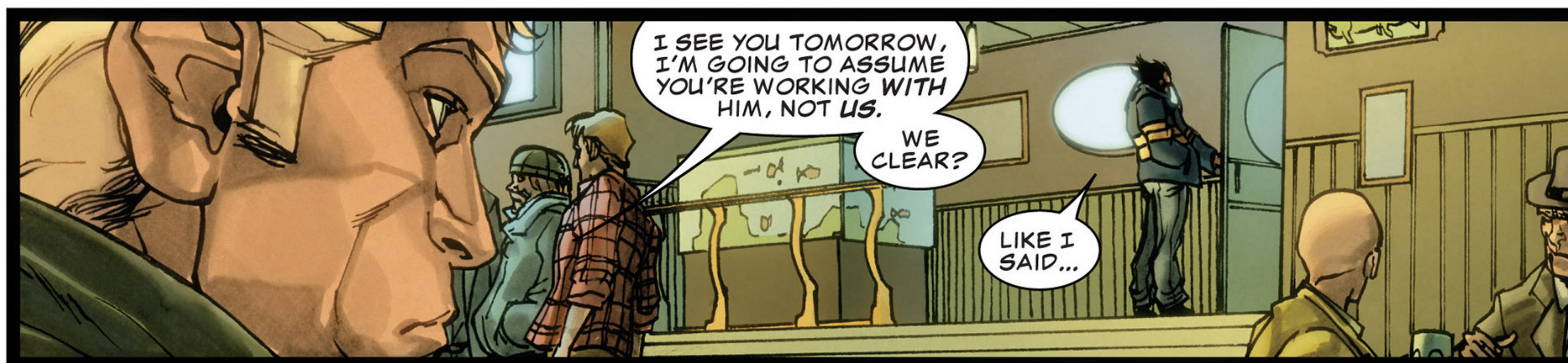
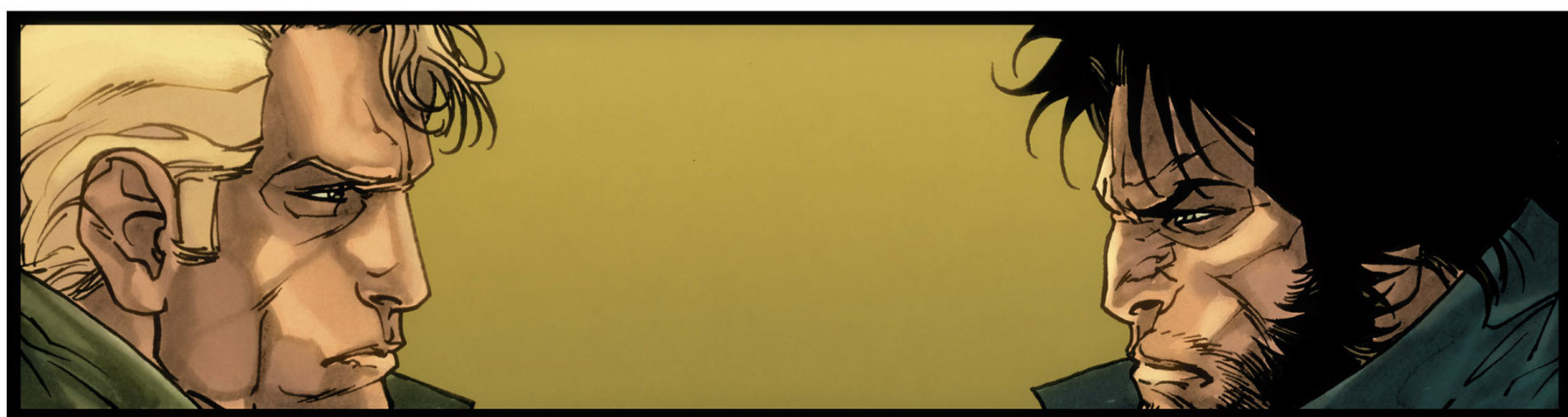
ONE FOR EACH OF YOU...



...PUT THEM ON.

LISTEN CAREFULLY AND I MIGHT LET YOU LIVE...





...PLUMBING,
CHECK...

STARK

...LIGHT,
CHECK...

...FOOD, WHICH
NECESSITATES
WASTE PROCESSING
BECAUSE WE ARE NOT
SAVAGES AND DO NOT
ROLL AROUND IN OUR
OWN DISCHARGE...

...CHECK
AND CHECK
AGAIN...

...SO
WHAT AM I
FORGETTING...?

...AIR!
MANIAC'S
GOTTA BREATHE,
AFTER ALL--

--WH-HUH-
HUH-HUH?
C'MON...

...THERE'S
ENOUGH
POWER IN THE
GRID TO FUEL
EVERYTHING
HERE!

BEHAVE!

MUUUCH
BETTER.

RIGHT, AIR
RECIRC...

...AH! NO.
YES. MAKE THE
SCRUBBERS
REDUNDANT...



MANHATTAN
CRIMINAL
COURT.

LOOKS
CLEAR...



...BUT
I DUNNO,
CAP...



...SOMETHING
DOESN'T FEEL
RIGHT.

GOOD.
MEANS HE'S
WATCHING.

STAND
BY.







LEAVING
THE CITY...

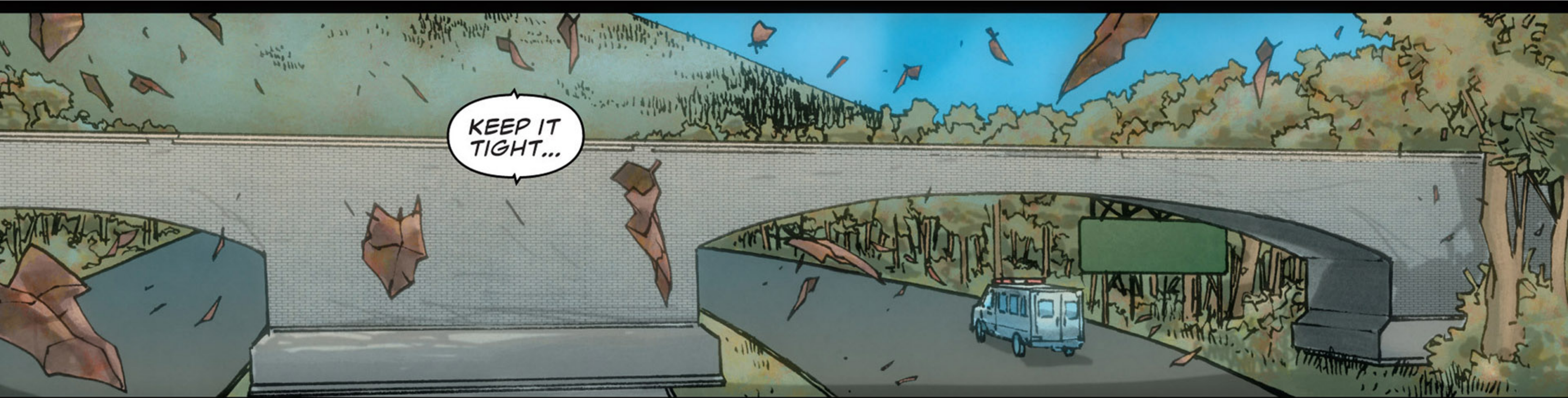


...ANYTHING
FROM THE
EYE IN THE
SKY?

NAUGHT
THUS
FAR...



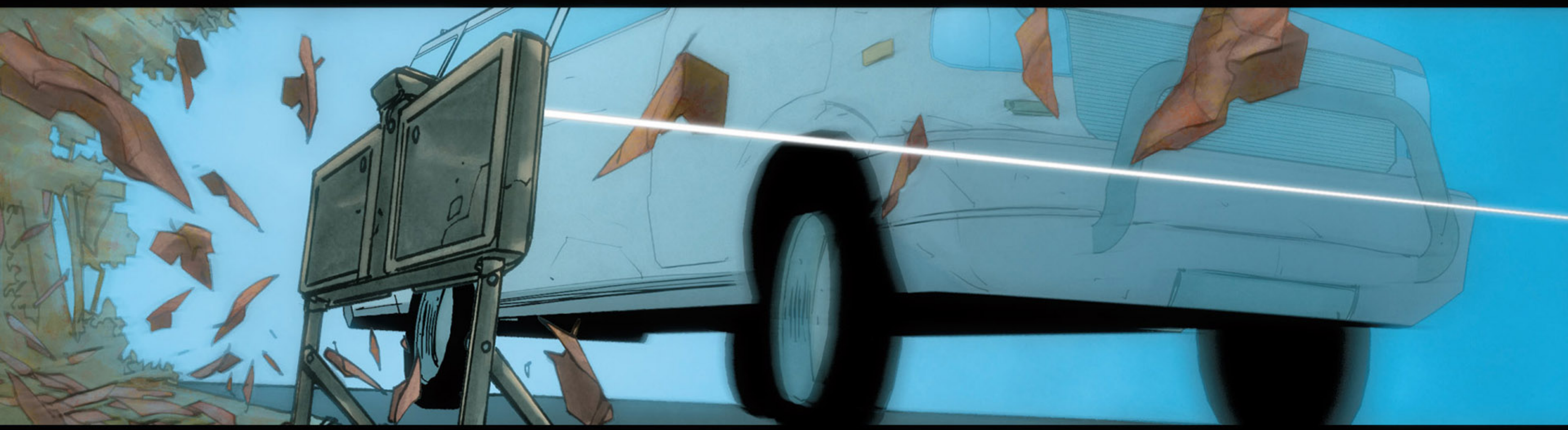
...THOUGH
POSITIONS FOR
AN **AMBUSH**
AHEAD.

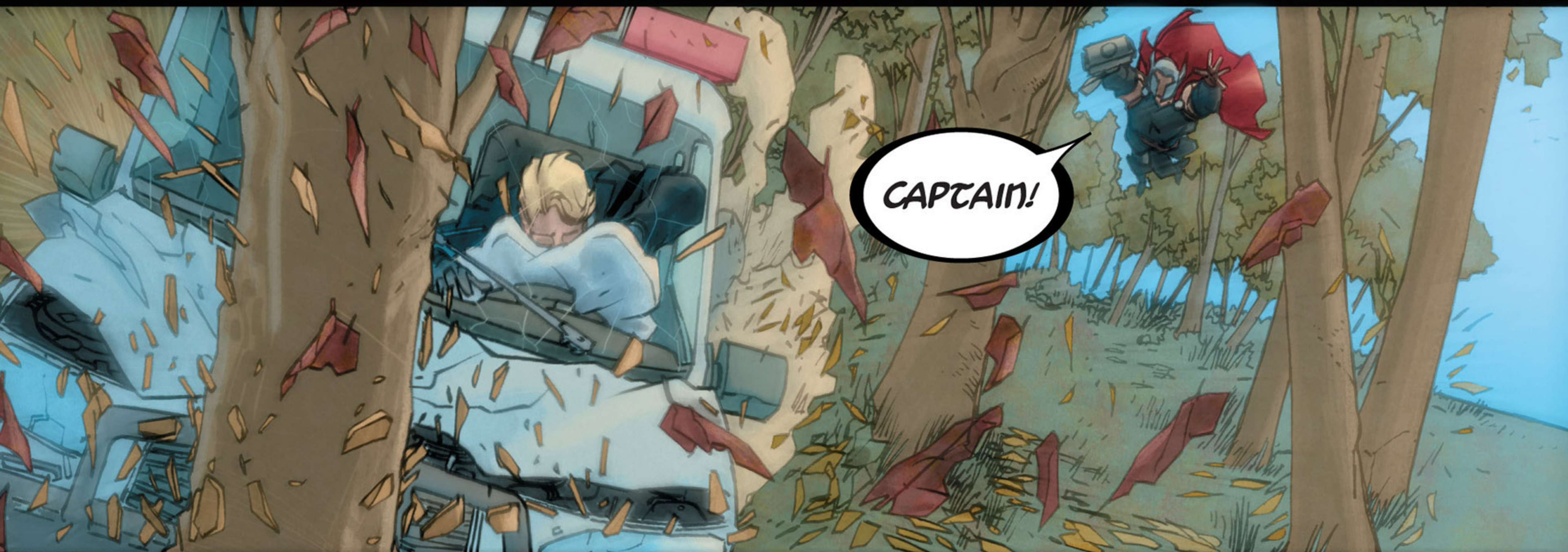
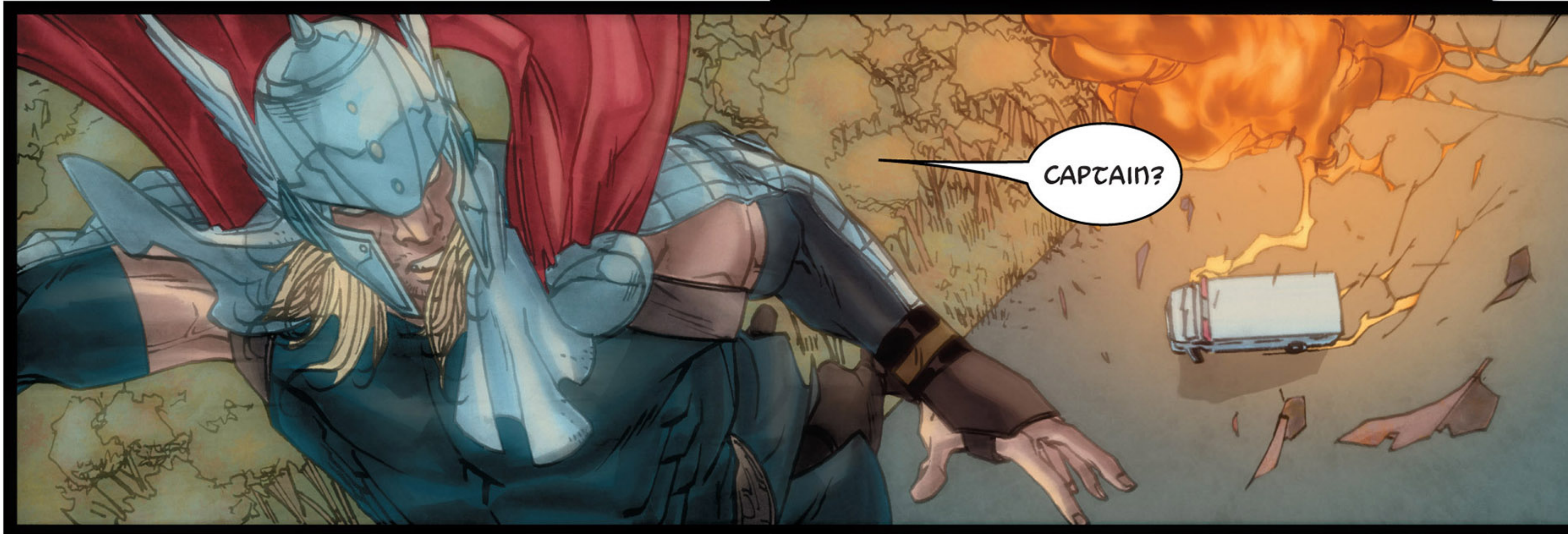
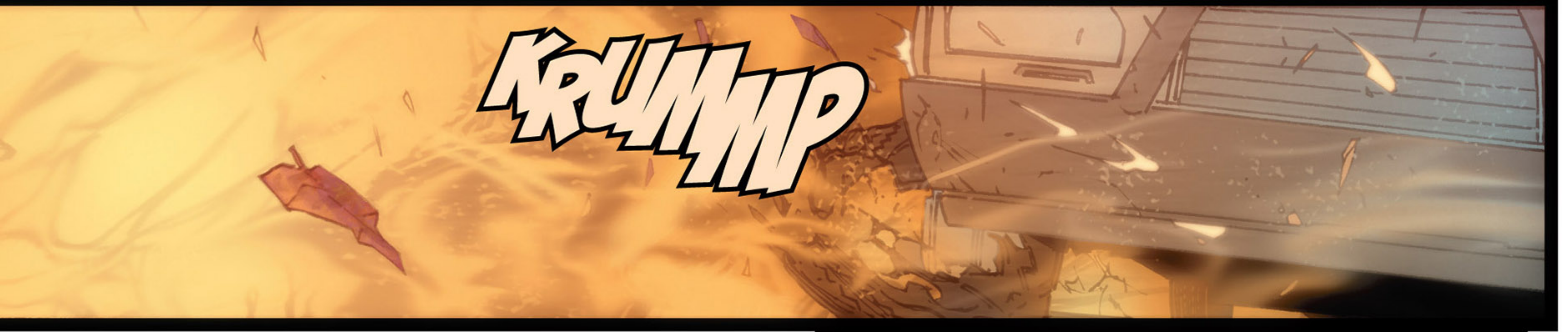


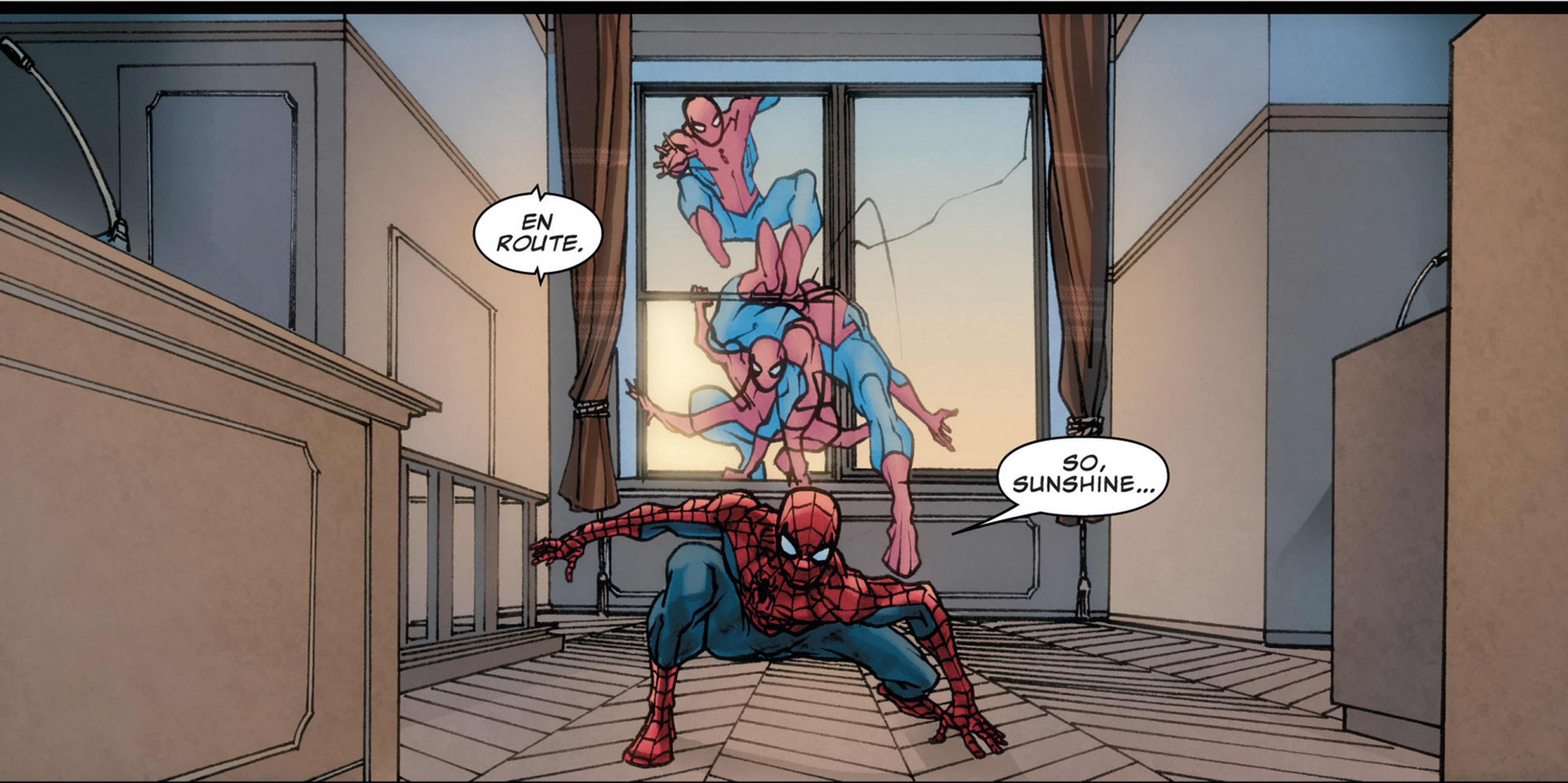
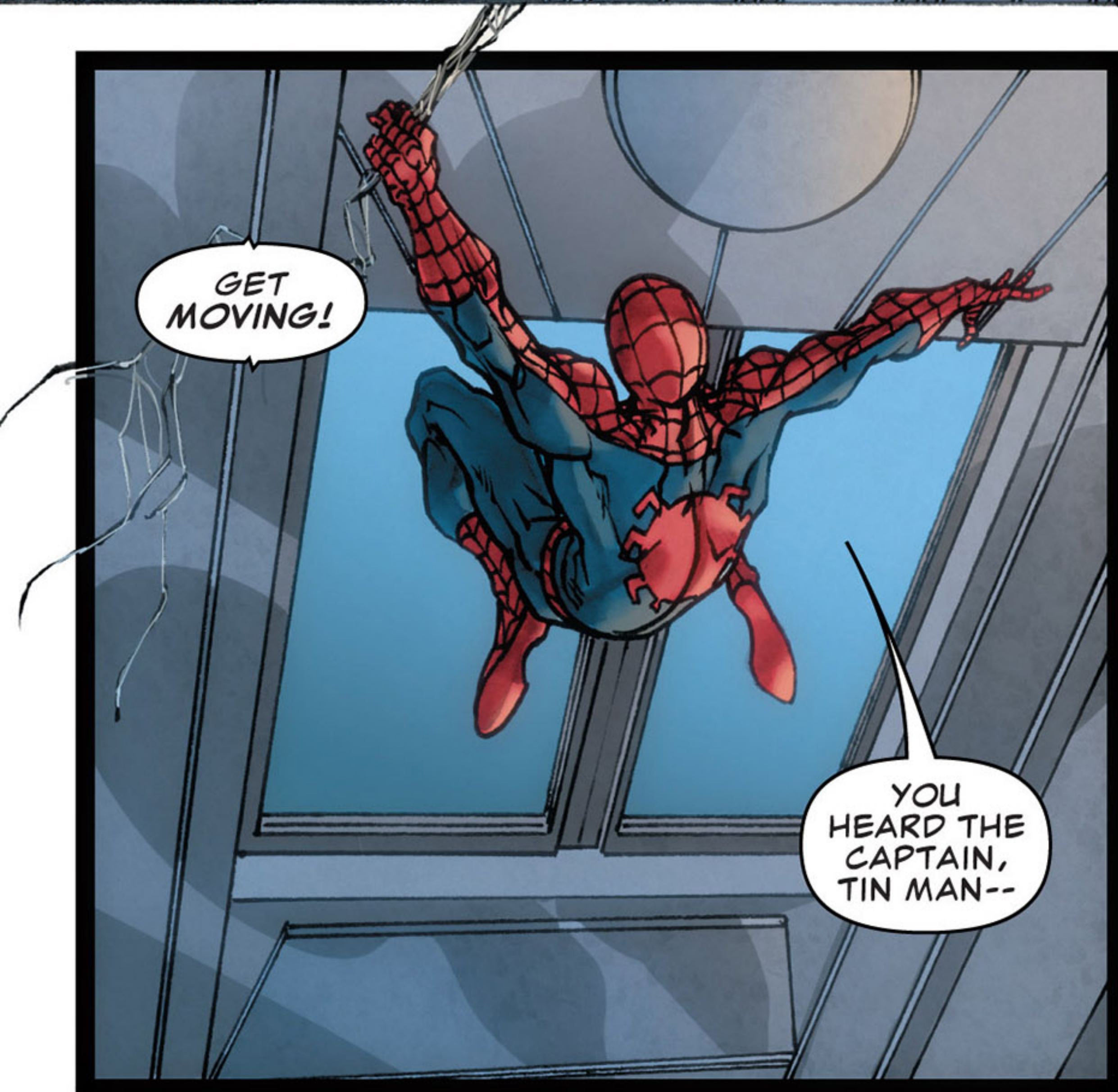
KEEP IT
TIGHT...

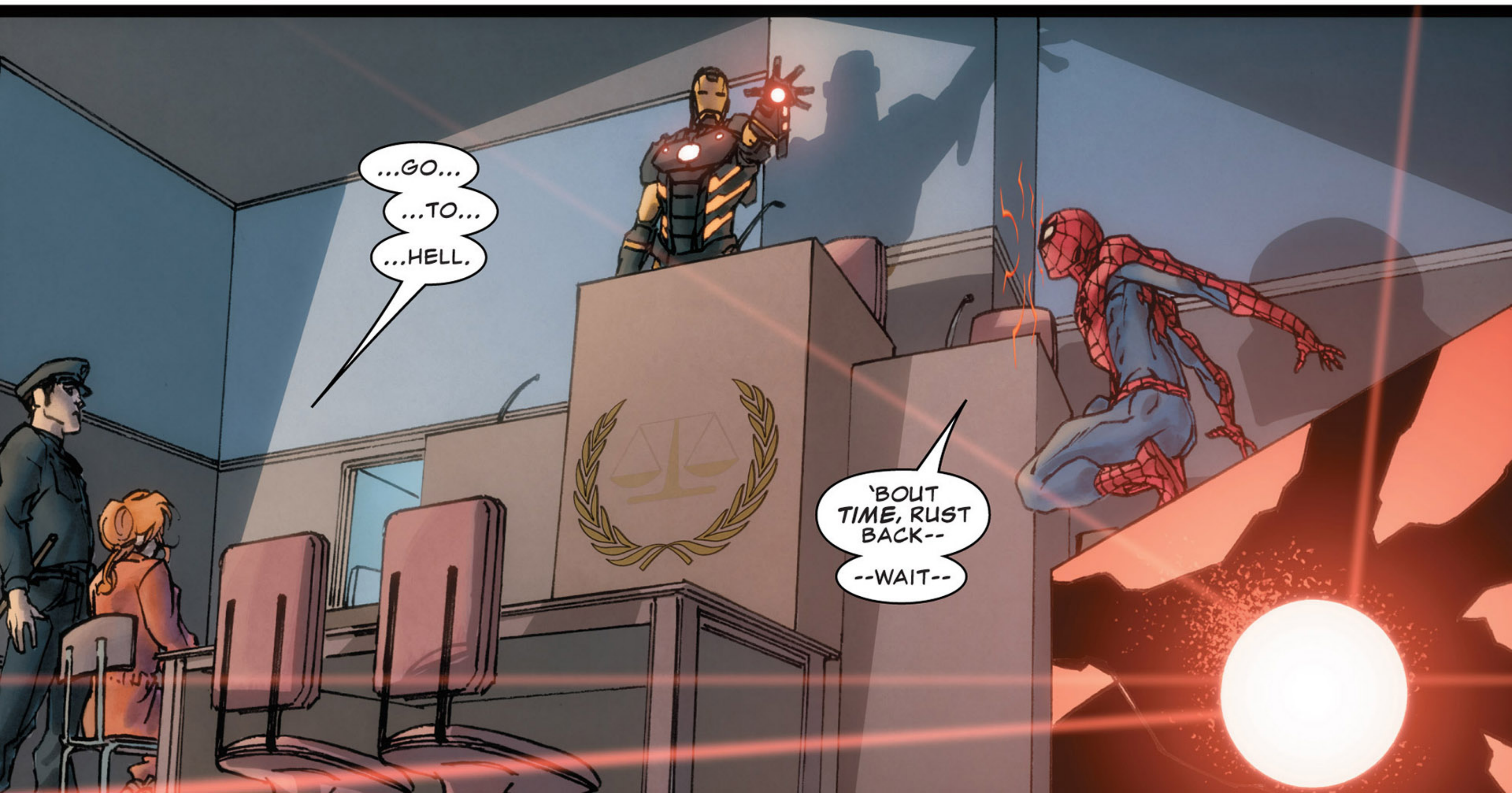
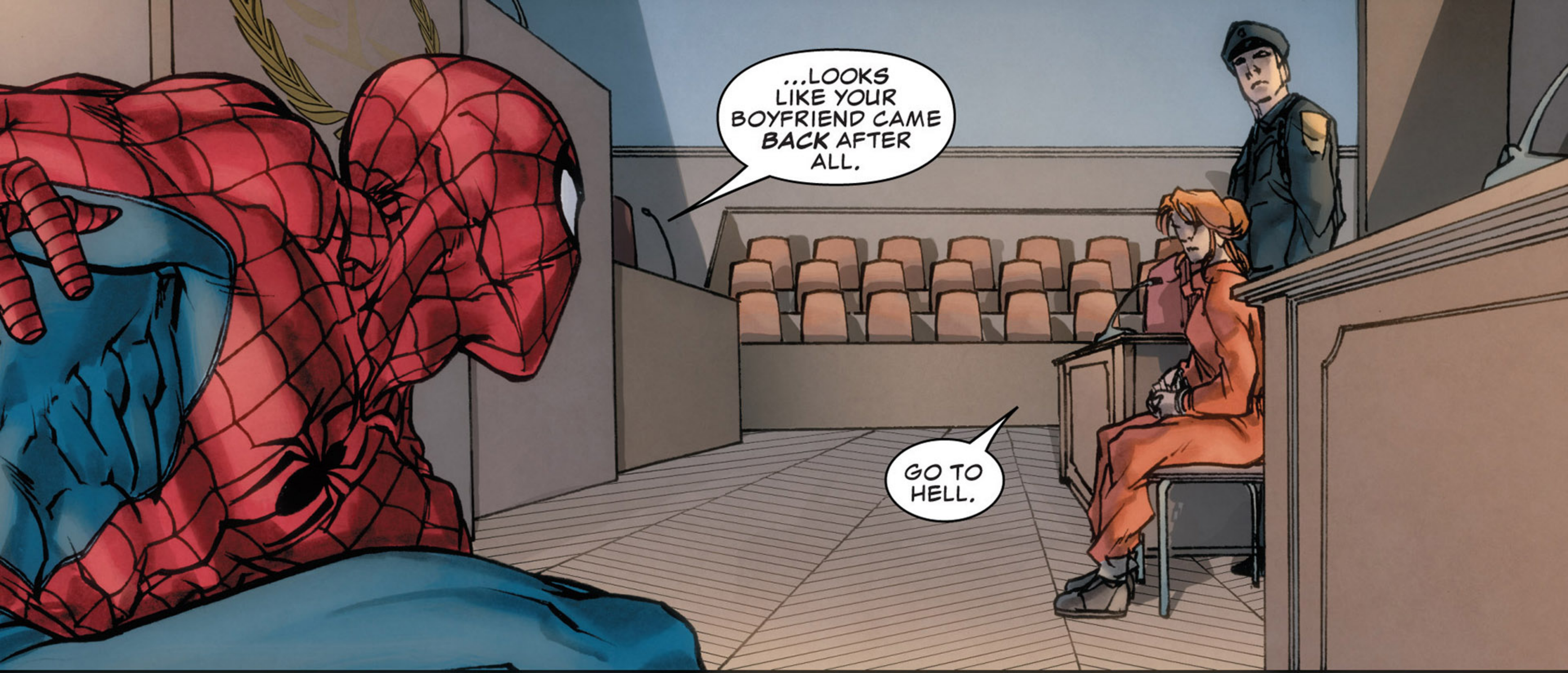


...THIS
IS THE
WINDOW.

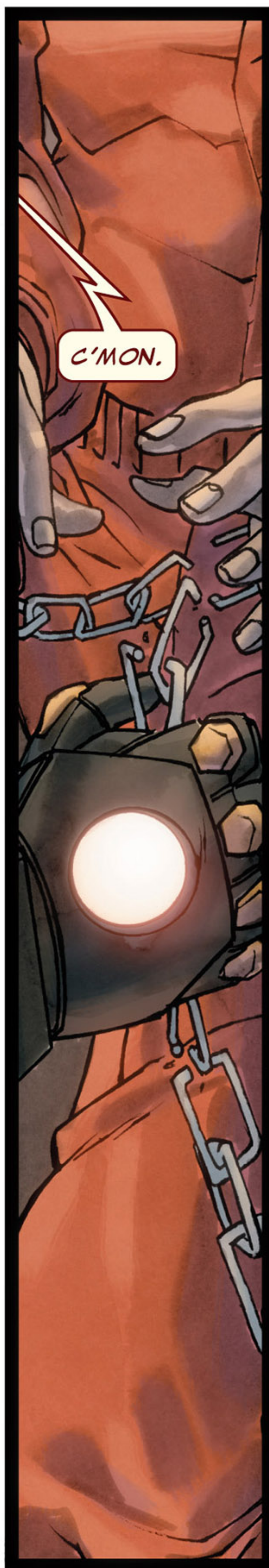
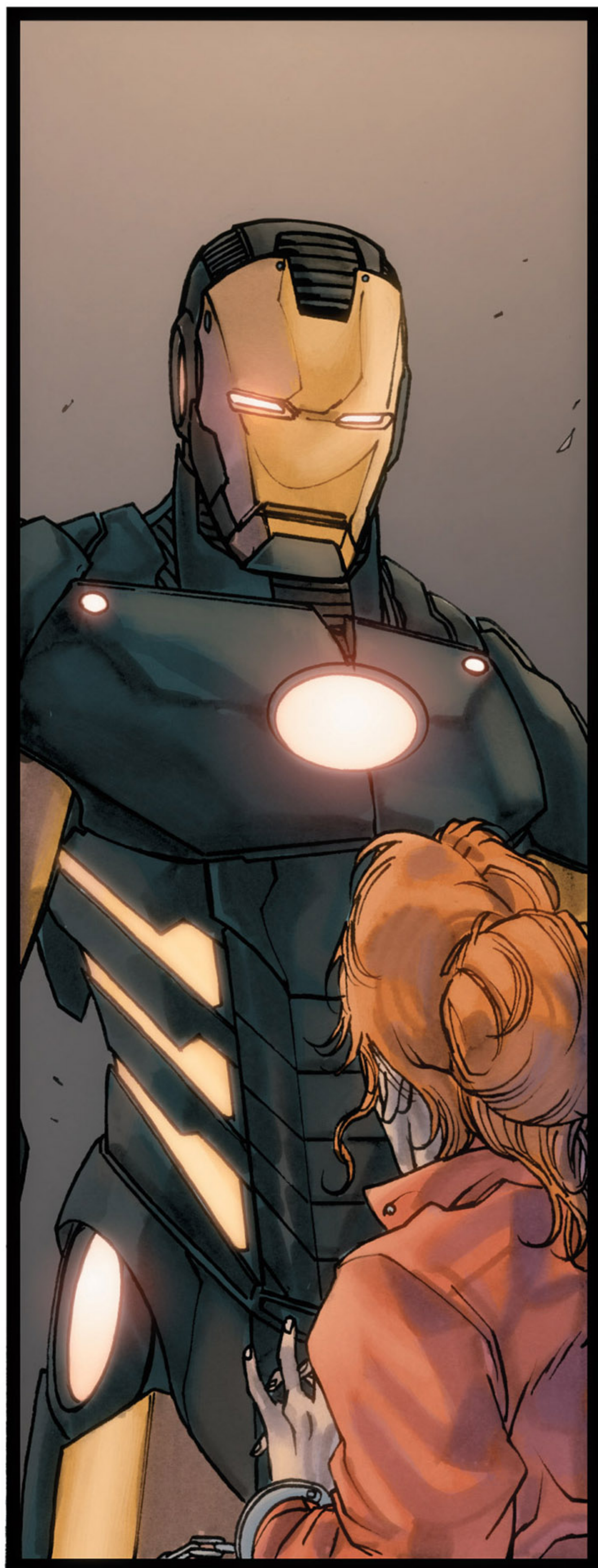




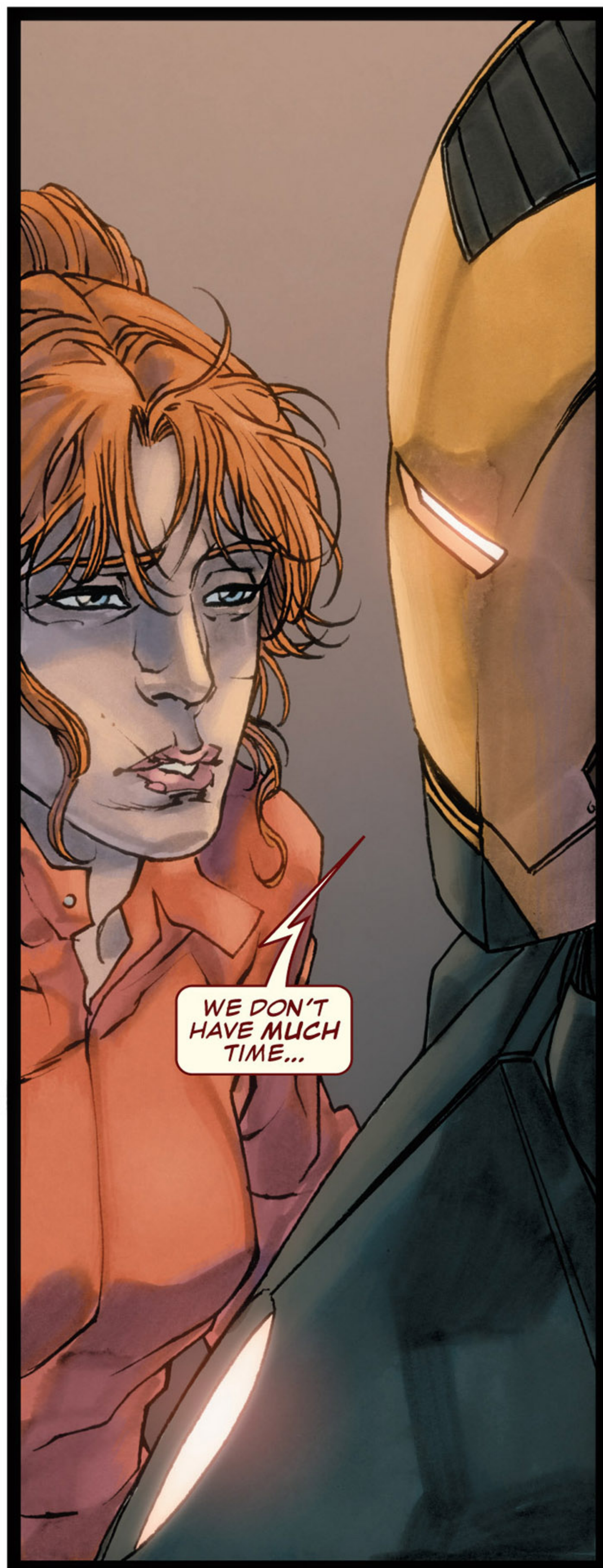




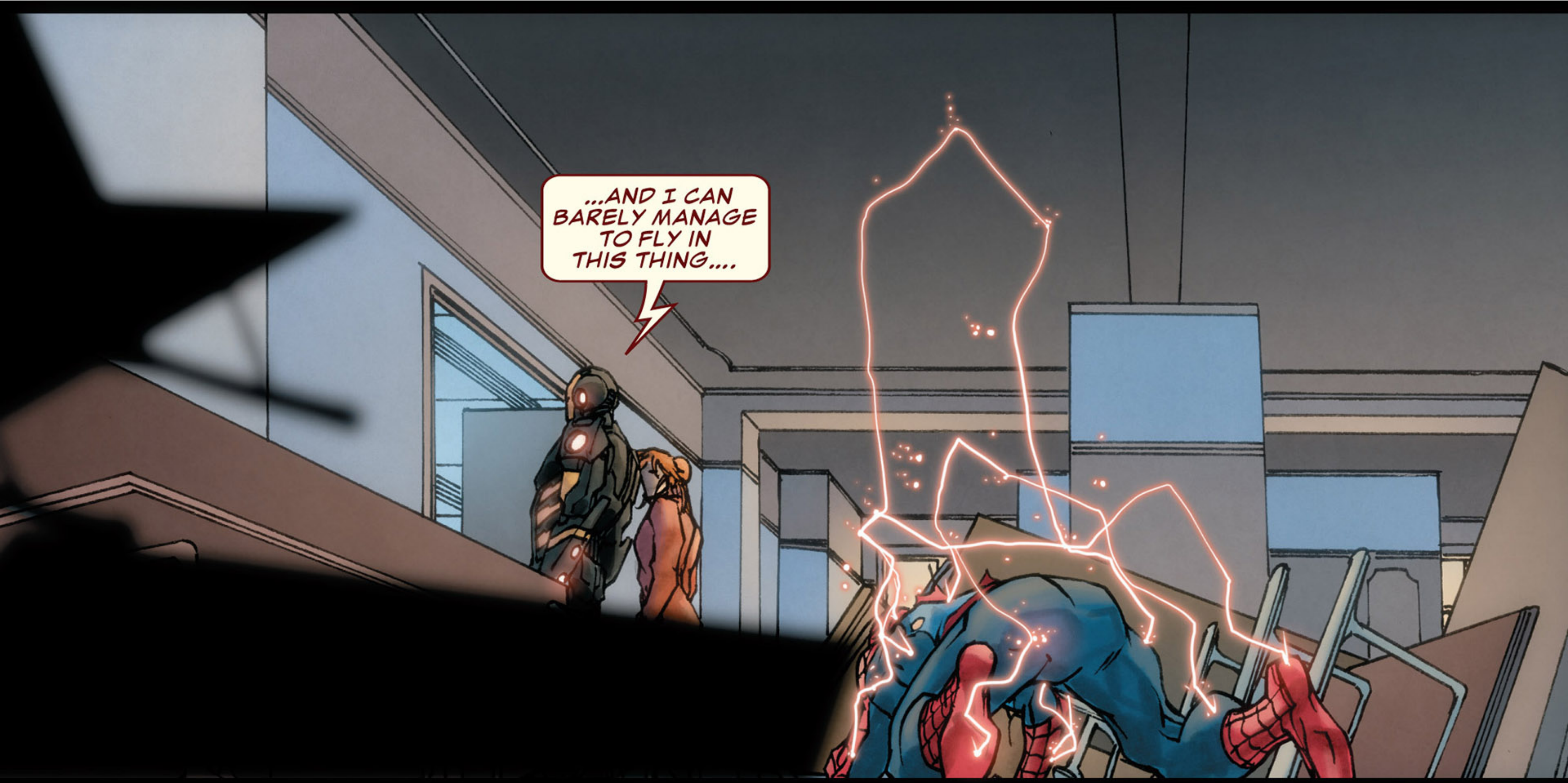




C'MON.



WE DON'T
HAVE MUCH
TIME...



...AND I CAN
BARELY MANAGE
TO FLY IN
THIS THING....



KRAKA
KRAKA
KRAKA
KRAKA

SPAK
SPKSPK

WAIT...

...JUST
WAIT A
SECOND...

KRAKA

COMING
OUT...

WHAT
IS IT?

IT'S
RUBBER.

IT'S A
RUBBER
BULLET.







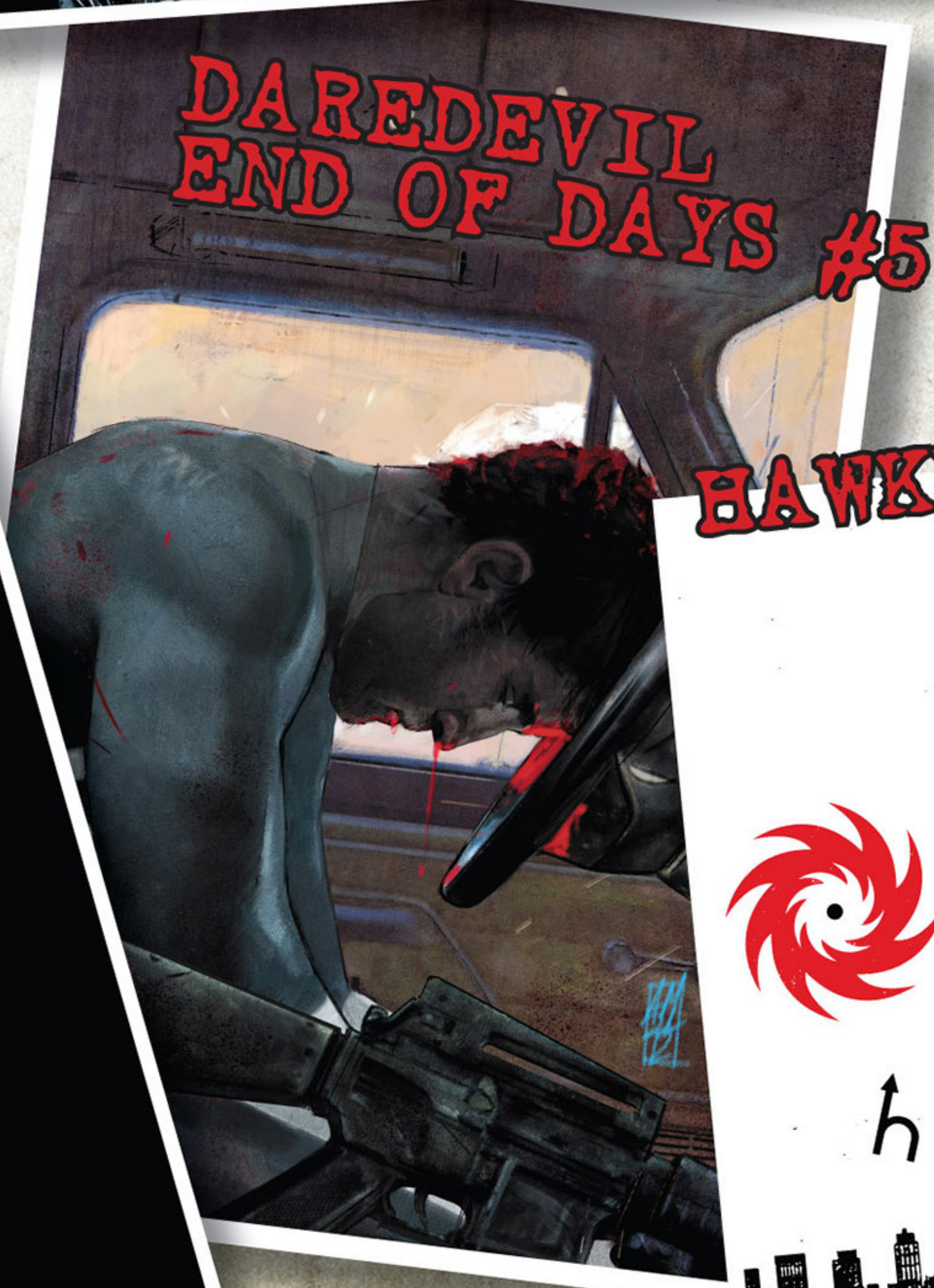
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